



SCRIPTURE Study Plan

1. **ON YOUR OWN:** Write out the passage word for word in whatever version you choose.
2. **Write an explanation** of the passage in your own words in conversational format, ie. Like explaining it to a friend over coffee.
 - a. Use resources like www.blueletterbible.org or www.youversion.com to compare versions.
 - b. You can check other Bible versions, but try **not** to look at commentaries on the passage.
3. **Interact with the text.** ASK...
 - a. *What do I learn from God in the text?*
 - b. *What do I learn about myself or my own relationship with God?* Look for a S.P.E.C.K. ...
 - i. Is there a SIN to avoid?
 - ii. Is there a PRAISE, PROMISE, or PRAYER to claim?
 - iii. Is there an EXAMPLE for me to follow?
 - iv. Is there a COMMANDMENT for me to obey?
 - v. How does this passage increase my KNOWLEDGE about God?



4. DURING YOUR LIFE GROUP MEETING:

- a. Spend the 1st ½ hour catching up with prayer requests and each others lives.
- b. Spend the 2nd ½ hour in prayer for the things you have just discussed.
- c. Spend the rest of the time discussing the passage from above:
 - i. Have **each person read their explanation** of the passage in their own words (from Step 2 above).
 - ii. **Listen for insights** from the text as compared to insights from a sermon on Bible commentary or opinion.
 - iii. If people are comfortable, have each person read their response to the S.P.E.C.K. survey.

If you are not in a Life Group Community, and would like to, please visit the website at www.theBeaconOC.org. Otherwise, do steps 1-3 on your own and be ready for the message on Sunday.